

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 were pending in this application. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended. Claims 5 and 19 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Hence, claims 1-4, 6-18, and 20-30 remain pending. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Office Action required a new oath or declaration for each of the inventors. The declarations did not include the date of each inventor's signature.

Claims 2 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claims 1, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 22, 25 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,805,587 to Norris, *et al.* (hereinafter "Norris").

Claims 6-7, and 20-21, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Norris in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,381,316 B2 to Joyce, *et al.* (hereinafter "Joyce").

Claims 2, 9-10, 12, 14, 16, 23-24, 26 and 28 , stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Norris.

The Office Action acknowledged that claims 4, 5, 18, and 19 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Declaration

A new declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is filed herewith. The new declaration includes the date of the signature of each inventor.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 2 and 16. The antecedent basis for "the data" in Claim 2 may be found at line 2 of Claim 1. Likewise, the antecedent basis for "the data in Claim 16 may be found at line 2 of Claim 15. These claims are interpretable by ones skilled in the art.

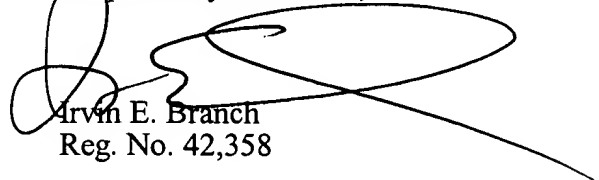
Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Independent claims 1 and 15 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 5 and 19, respectively, that have been deemed allowable. Claims 5 and 19 have been deleted. Thus, claims 1 and 15 are believed to be allowable, at least for this reason.

Consequently, all remaining claims, which depend directly or indirectly from either claim 1 or claim 15, are believed to be allowable, at least for this reason.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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